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SUBJECT: OMEGA AUSTRALIA

THERE FOLLOWS GOA REVISED DRAFT OF OMEGA AGREEMENT PRESENTED
TO DEPARTMENT NOVEMBER 29. QUOTE:

1. IN THIS AGREEMENT "CO-OPERATING AGENCIES" MEANS THE
AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND THE OMEGA PROJECT
OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

"FACILITY" MEANS THE OMEGA FACILITY TO BE ESTABLISHED IN
AUSTRALIA UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE AUSTRALIAN
GOVERNMENT PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT.

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2. SUBJECT TO THIS AGREEMENT THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SHALL DESIGN, CONSTRUCT, EQUIP AND COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH DESIGN AND OTHER TECHNICAL STANDARDS AGREED BY THE CO-OPERATING AGENCIES, AN OMEGA NAVIGATION FACILITY AT A SITE IN SOUTH-EASTERN AUSTRALIA TO BE AGREED UPON BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

3. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS SHALL EXERCISE ALL REASONABLE ENDEAVOURS TO COMPLETE THE FACILITY AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER THE DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THIS AGREEMENT.

4. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE WITHOUT COST TO THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, THE EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS AND SERVICES LISTED IN THE ANNEX TO THIS AGREEMENT AND SHALL BEAR THE COSTS OF DESIGNING, CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING, COMMISSIONING AND OTHERWISE ESTABLISHING THE FACILITY EXCEPT THAT THE COSTS OF PROVIDING NECESSARY STAFF QUARTERS AND LAND FOR THE FACILITY SHALL BE BORNE BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT. THE COSTS TO BE BORNE BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHALL BE PAID TO THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT BY PERIODIC PAYMENTS IN SUCH MANNER AND AT SUCH TIMES AS MAY BE AGREED BY THE CO-OPERATING AGENCIES.

5. THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SHALL BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR AND SHALL BEAR THE COST OF OPERATING, MANAGING, MAINTAINING, AND STAFFING THE FACILITY.

6. ON THE COMPLETION OF THE FACILITY, THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SHALL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR BEGINNING THE REGULAR TRANSMISSION OF SIGNALS BY THE FACILITY AS A PART OF THE WORLD-WIDE OMEGA SYSTEM.

THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT, IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVING THE NATIONAL INTEREST, TO SUSPEND OPERATION OF THE AUSTRALIAN FACILITY, AS WOULD THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAVE THE RIGHT TO SUSPEND OPERATION OF ITS FACILITIES IN THE UNITED STATES. OTHERWISE THE AUSTRALIAN AND UNITED STATES GOVERNMENTS SHALL USE THEIR BEST ENDEAVOURS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUOUS OPERATION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE FACILITIES IN PHASE WITH THE WORLD-WIDE
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OMEGA SYSTEM.

7. OMEGA SIGNALS FROM THE FACILITY SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR NAVIGATION, FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS, FOR TIME DISSEMINATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES AS AGREED BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS, BUT NOT FOR COMMUNICATION OTHER THAN THAT WHICH IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE CONTINUOUS OPERATION OF THE FACILITY IN PHASE WITH THE WORLD-WIDE OMEGA SYSTEM.

8. TO THE EXTENT THAT THE CARRYING OUT BY EITHER GOVERNMENT OF ANY REQUIREMENTS IN THIS AGREEMENT MAY DEPEND ON FUNDS TO BE APPROPRIATED TO THAT GOVERNMENT OR TO THE OTHER

GOVERNMENT, THOSE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF THOSE FUNDS.

9. THE EQUIPMENT, PARTS, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES WHICH THE CO-OPERATING AGENCIES AGREE ARE EQUIPMENT, PARTS, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES IMPORTED INTO AUSTRALIA BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE

EXEMPT FROM AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS DUTIES AND TAXES.

10. WHENEVER THE CO-OPERATING AGENCIES AGREE THAT THE WHOLE OR ANY PART OF THE EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS LISTED IN THE ANNEX TO THIS AGREEMENT ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE FACILITY, SUCH WHOLE OR PART AND SUCH OTHER EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS AS THE CO-OPERATING AGENCIES AGREE SHOULD ALSO BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR CONVEYANCE FROM AUSTRALIA OR, UPON CONDITIONS AGREED BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, FOR DISPOSAL IN AUSTRALIA.

11. AT ALL STAGES IN THE ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE FACILITY THE MAXIMUM PRACTICABLE USE SHALL BE MADE OF AUSTRALIAN COMPONENTS AND RESOURCES. IN PARTICULAR, THE ANTENNA AND ITS TOWER SHALL BE THE SUBJECT OF SPECIAL CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE CO-OPERATING AGENCIES WITH THE OBJECT OF MAXIMIZING THE AUSTRALIAN CONTENT.

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12. WHENEVER REQUESTED BY, AND WITHOUT CHARGE TO, THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHALL PROVIDE NECESSARY TRAINING FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS AGREEMENT, IN THE OPERATION OF THE ELECTRONICS EQUIPMENT MADE AVAILABLE BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO SUCH PERSONS AS MAY BE NOMINATED BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT WHICH SHALL PAY THE SALARIES, TRANSPORTATION, ACCOMMODATION AND LIVING EXPENSES OF SUCH PERSONS.

13. THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, AS OPERATOR OF THE FACILITY WILL CO-OPERATE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES OPERATING OMEGA FACILITIES AND WILL USE ITS BEST ENDEAVOURS, AS WILL THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, TO ESTABLISH AN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL REGIME FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE OMEGA SYSTEM BY INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION.

14. THE CO-OPERATING AGENCIES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS MAY
MAKE ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPL-
EMENTATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO PROPOSE THAT, IF THE FOREGOING IS
ACCEPTABLE TO THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, MY NOTE AND
YOUR EXCELLENCY'S REPLY TO THAT EFFECT SHALL TOGETHER
CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS WHICH
SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DATE OF YOUR EXCELLENCY'S
REPLY AND WHICH SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL 180 DAYS
AFTER EITHER GOVERNMENT GIVES TO THE OTHER NOTICE OF ITS
INTENTION TO TERMINATE THE AGREEMENT. END QUOTE. ROBINSON

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